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JOINT INTELLIGENCE COORDINATING COMMITTEES

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1. Political
2. Economic
3. Topographic
4. Sociological
5. Ethnological
6. Technical
7. Scientific
8. Tactics
9. Logistics
10. Subversive or C.I.

2. Each Intelligence Department and many of the other departments of the government have experts and personnel working on some or all of the above subjects. However, budget and ceiling limitations generally prevent any one department from covering all pertinent intelligence in its entirety. The best that each can do is to attempt to cover the problem to the extent of its own immediate needs. The complete picture is nowhere assembled and in consequence neither the government as a whole nor the respective departments have the advantage of the total sum of intelligence available.

3. Under the President's Directive of 22 January 1946, it is the duty of the Director of Central Intelligence to recommend means for coordinating the intelligence resources of the government. In order to accomplish this and use the manpower and expert knowledge available within the government as efficiently as possible, it is proposed to establish up to ten joint standing committees to cover the subjects listed in paragraph 1 above.

4. Each joint standing committee will be staffed by one representative from each department engaged in the production or use of intelligence on that particular subject. Representatives of each agency represented should be entirely familiar with the subject and with the needs and capabilities of their agencies in this respect.

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5. Each standing committee will designate such sub-committees as may be necessary to cover the intelligence in their respective fields adequately. The staff of the sub-committees will be drawn from the agencies most concerned and will serve in addition to their regular duties as task force groups.

6. Each standing and sub-committee will elect from amongst their members a chairman who shall be rotated at regular intervals. The duties of the chairman shall be to see that their respective intelligence programs are efficiently and promptly executed. He will assign tasks to the various member agencies and will see that the work of all contributing members is combined into completed intelligence reports.

7. The Director of Central Intelligence will designate representatives from his staff to represent him on each standing committee. These representatives shall be known as "COORDINATORS". Each coordinator will have an adequate secretariat assigned to him which will provide the secretariat for the standing and sub-committees. It will be the duty of the "COORDINATORS" to coordinate the work of the respective departmental representatives on each committee and to make such recommendations for the improvement of coordination, research or collection, to the Director of Central Intelligence, as he may deem advisable and will submit regular progress reports through channels to the Director of Central Intelligence.

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5. Each committee shall choose a chairman from amongst its members who shall hold office for six months and then be succeeded by another chairman similarly chosen from amongst the members.

6. The Central Intelligence Group will designate a representative to each committee chosen from the Information and/or Intelligence Branches of the Central Planning Staff who shall act as vice-chairman and liaison between the departments and the C.I.G. All matters coming within the purview of a committee which are referred to or conducted by the C.I.G. will be handled through the respective C.I.G. vice chairman.

7. Each standing committee will designate such sub-committees as may be necessary to cover the intelligence subjects in their respective fields. The sub-committees shall act as permanent committees or task forces depending on the nature and permanence of their studies. Their complement shall be drawn from the permanent staff of experts and researchers from each agency concerned. They shall meet as occasion demands, go over the requirements of the case and assign tasks to each agency. The products of each agency will then be assembled by the sub-committee and the completed study resultant therefrom will be sent to the standing committee for consideration and necessary action.

8. Departmental coordination of the work of the sub-committees will be effected through representatives of C.I.G., C.P.S. who will be designated to each sub-committee as steering members. The C.I.G. steering members will be responsible for recommending to the C.I.G. vice chairman of the senior standing committee, such steps to improve coordination, research and/or collection as he may deem advisable.

9. The T.O. of the Central Planning Staff, C.I.G. will be increased to provide sufficient personnel from the four intelligence agencies to act as steering members of the permanent committees.